





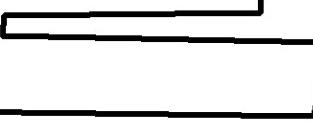
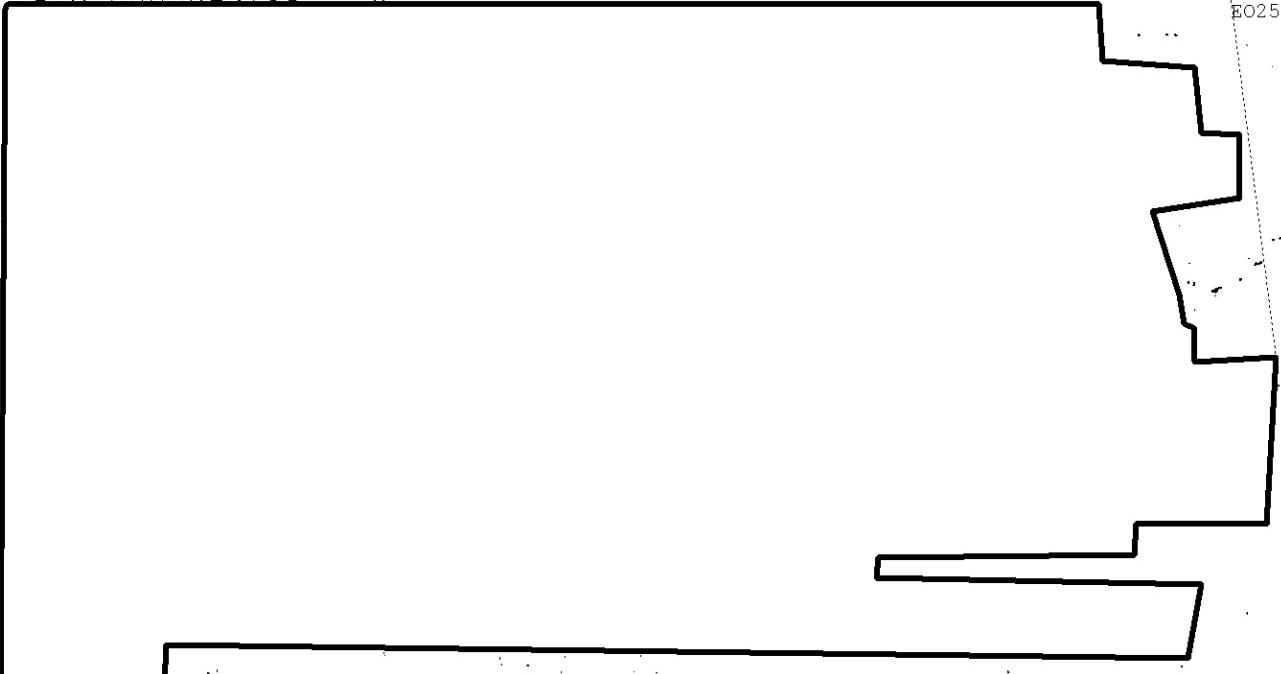
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GENDARMERIA NACIONAL, PROVINCIAL POLICE AND FEDERAL POLICE TASK FORCES ARE AT WORK IN THE AREA. THE ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS WORKING "JOINTLY BUT SEPARATELY". THERE IS NO UNIFIED COMMAND AS SUCH, EACH ORGANIZATION HAVING ITS OWN DIRECTION AND OBJECTIVES. BG MENENDEZ HAS VOWED TO "EXTERMINATE" TERRORISTS IN TUCUMAN. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE CATAMARCA TERRORIST CONTINGENT CAME FROM TUCUMAN, AND AFTER ABORTIVE ATTACK AGAINST 17TH ABN REGT, FLED BACK TO THEIR RURAL TUCUMAN HIDEOUTS, WHERE THEY ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT. DESPITE THE SIZE OF THE TUCUMAN EFFORT AND SOME LIMITED SUCCESS (A LARGE ARMS CACHE AND TERRORIST BASE WAS UNCOVERED IN TUCUMAN CITY), THE CHANCES OF CONTACT WITH AND ELIMINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL TERRORIST BAND IS CONSIDERED REMOTE, DUE TO TERRAIN, DISPERSION, AND WIDER PUBLICITY GIVEN TUCUMAN OPERATION. BG MENENDEZ HAS STATED HE INTENDS TO SEE IT THROUGH WHATEVER, SO OPERATION CONTINUES. B. IN CORDOBA PROVINCE, ANTI-TERRORIST RAIDS AND SEARCHES ARE ALSO MEETING WITH SUCCESS IN WAKE OF VILLA MARIA ACTION BY TERRORISTS. SOME 60 PERSONS HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY POLICE AND A TRUCK STOPPED AND SEARCHED BY POLICE WAS FOUND TO BE LOADED WITH ARMAMENTS.

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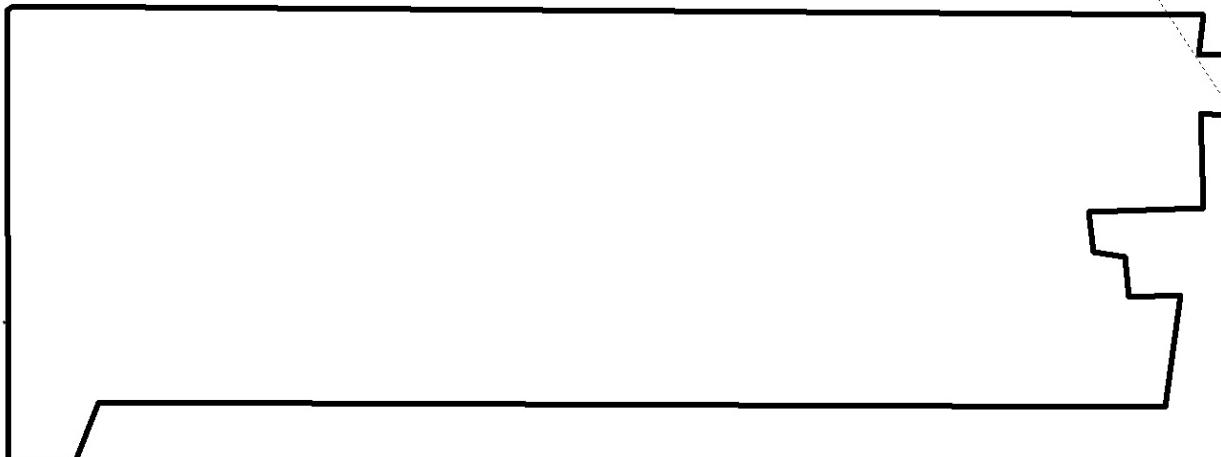
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